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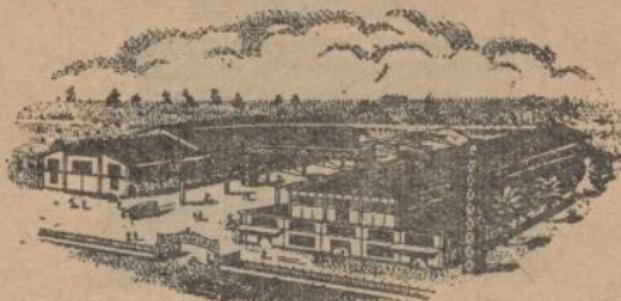
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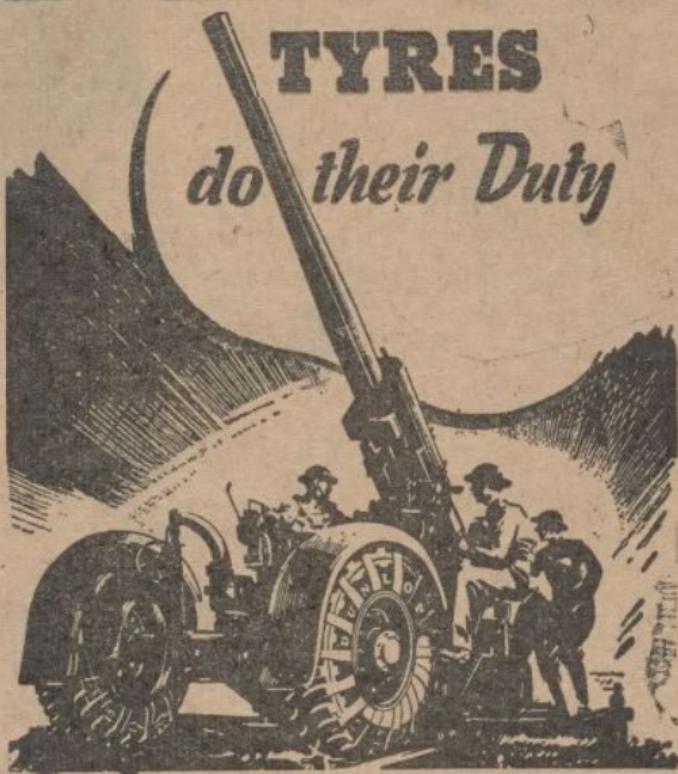
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HISTORICAL NOTE ON CAIRO

BY A. LUCAS, ESQ., O.B.E.

Cairo, which is the capital of Egypt, has a population of 1,307,422 (Census 1937) and is by far the largest and most important town in Africa. It is the residence of the King and the seat of the government.

The beginning of Cairo was a small residential place, which was situated where what is now known as Old Cairo stands. The Greeks called it Babylen, though it had no connection with the more ancient Babylon on the Euphrates. The Romans fortified it and under the Emperor Augustus it became the headquarters of one of the three Roman legions stationed in Egypt. Parts of the walls and two of the bastions of the fortress still remain, the latter adjoining the Coptic Museum, and the Coptic church of El Muallaqa, next to the Museum, is built on the east tower of the south gate of the fortress.

In A.D. 640 Babylon was captured by the Arabs under general Amr, and a new town, called El Fustat, and a mosque, the Mosque of Amr, were built close by. Both the town and the original mosque have disappeared, the town having been burnt down about A.D. 750, but another mosque was built on the site of the old one, and still remains, bearing the same name. This has been enlarged and altered several times and is the oldest mosque in Cairo.

The town was never rebuilt, but a new town sprang up on the northeast and was extended from time to time, and slightly to the north of this in A.D. 969, the modern town of Cairo was founded. At the hour when the foundation of the walls was laid, the planet Mars, which the Arabs call El Qahir, or «the victorious», crossed the meridian of the new town, in consequence of which it was named "El Qahira", which has been corrupted to Cairo. The new town was a fortified enclosure containing

two palaces government offices, quarters for the garrison, treasury, mint, library, arsenal and other buildings, and until 1171 no person was allowed to enter except the soldiers of the garrison and the highest officers of state. Three of the original sixty gates of the ancient town still remain, namely, the Bab el Nasr, the Bab el Futuh and the Bab el Zuweila.

The Bab el Zuweila, which was the southern gate of the town, is mentioned twice in «The Arabian Nights' Entertainments», and is now called the Bab el Mutawelli, after a certain Mohammedan saint, who is supposed to live behind it, and on the gate hang bits of cloth and other votive offerings placed there by sufferers, who still frequent the gate in hope of cure. Persons afflicted with headache drive a nail into the door to take away the pain, and those suffering from toothache extract a tooth and fix it in a crack in the door to ensure their not being attacked again.

The Bab el Nasr, or «Gate of Victory», and the Bab el Futuh, or «Gate of Conquests», which are close together, formed the north-east extremity of the old fortifications. They each consist of two massive towers, with outer and inner gates, and chambers between, and one can ascend a winding staircase in the east gate-tower of the Bab el Nasr, then walk along the old wall, the battlements of which are partly preserved, to the Bab el Futuh, beyond which the wall is continued for some distance. The towers and wall provided a strong position for Napoleon's troops in 1799 and the names of some of his aides-de-camp may still be seen inscribed on the walls.

The Citadel, on account of its age and history, is one of the most important buildings of Cairo, and, because of its commanding position on the Moqattam hills, it is the most prominent. It was begun in 1176 by Sultan Salah el Din, commonly called Saladin, whom King Richard I of England defeated during the Third Crusade at Arsoof near Jaffa in Palestine in 1191. According to the accounts of the Arab historians, the citadel was built with stones taken from the smaller pyramids at Giza. A large part of the original structure remains. Within the citadel enclosure is the alabaster mosque of Mohammed

Ali which was finished in 1867, and restored very recently. From the south-west corner, behind the mosque, a very fine and extensive view of Cairo and the surrounding country may be obtained, and the sunset seen behind the pyramids is particularly beautiful.

A gun on the hill behind the citadel is fired daily at noon by an electric current from the observatory at Helwan.

The well outside the citadel, called Joseph's well and generally attributed to the Biblical Joseph, was probably sunk by Sultan Salah el Din (Saladin) whose name was Jusuf (Joseph), to supply the citadel with water before the aqueduct was built. It is a square shaft with a spiral passage round it, sunk to a depth of 290 feet in the limestone rock. Within the shaft, at a depth of 155 feet, is a platform on which stood a saqiya (water-wheel). The saqiya was worked by oxen and brought the water to the surface. The well is not now used.

In connection with the citadel the ancient aqueduct made to supply the fortress with water, may be described. The beginning of it near the river may be seen from the Old Cairo road (Sharia Kasr el Aini road) not far from the turning to the Abbas bridge. It was built by Sultan Mohammed el Nasir in 1311, though formerly ascribed to Salah el Din, and was restored by Sultan el Ghuri (1501-1516).

The most important mosque is that of El Azhar, which was built in 971 and was created a university in 988. It has been much added to and restored from time to time and is the largest and most important Mohammedan university in the world, students coming to it from most Mohammedan countries. In 1926-27 there were 246 teachers and 4838 students, of whom 700 were non-Egyptian. Instruction is free, and money is also provided for food. The students live at the university.

There are about fifty ancient mosques in Cairo and several hundred altogether, which, naturally, cannot all be described, but two prominent ones are those of Sultan Hasan (1356-1363) and El Rifai (completed 1912) which are situated opposite one another on the road leading up to the citadel from the centre of Cairo. The El Rifai mosque contains the tomb of the Khedive Ismail

and that of King Fuad. On Roda island, opposite the beginning of Old Cairo, is the Nilometer, or Nile Gauge, erected in 716, which consists of a well with a graduated column in the centre, on which the height of the Nile is measured. It has been restored several times, once quite recently.

The ancient Christian (Coptic) churches are at Old Cairo and include those of El Muallaqa, Abu Sarga, St. Barbara and St. Markurius, the two first mentioned being well worth a visit.

What are often called «The Dead Cities», but which should be «The Cities of the Dead», as they are not and never were inhabited, are the mosque-tombs of the Arab rulers of Egypt during the Middle Ages, and they comprise the Tombs of The Caliphs and the Tombs of the Mamelukes, both situated near the citadel, the former to the north and the latter to the south. Some of these have been restored in modern times.

Although, as will be realized from the foregoing note, Cairo dates back about a thousand years, many of the ancient Egyptian remains in the neighbourhood are several times that age. Thus the step pyramid at Sakkara, which is the oldest large stone monument in the world, is about 5,000 years old as are also the adjoining temples; the large pyramid at Giza, that of Cheops, is about 4,850 years old and the second pyramid that of Chephren and the sphinx about 4,800 years old.

In order to make clear the size of the large pyramid at Giza, a few figures may be given. The pyramid covers an area of about thirteen acres; the original height was about 480 feet; it is estimated that the number of blocks of stone used was about 2,300,000, the average size of each being about forty cubic feet and their weight about two and a half tons. The greater part of the stone used for the pyramid is fossiliferous limestone cut from the plateau on which it stands, and the hollow nearby, where the sphinx is, is the quarry from which the stone was obtained. The pyramid was coated with a much finer quality of limestone, which was brought across the Nile from near Tura and Ma'sara, where the ancient quarries may still be seen. A large amount of coarse-grained red gra-

nite from Aswān, some 500 miles away, was used in the interior of the pyramid, especially for lining the burial chamber. The Greek traveller and historian, Herodotus, who visited Egypt in the fifth century B.C., states that all the stone for the pyramid was brought from across the Nile, and in this he was not so wrong as might be thought, since he only saw the outside covering, which did come from the other side of the river, but since his time, the covering has been largely stripped off for use as building material in Cairo, — this having been done many hundreds of years later, and Herodotus knew nothing of the inner stones that are now visible.

This pyramid, which contains nothing but an uninscribed and empty red granite sarcophagus, of which the lid is missing, provides an outstanding example of ancient tomb robbery, and there may be seen to-day, not only the robbed and empty sarcophagus, but also both the proper entrance and, below it, the robbers' hole, which is now used as the entrance.

On the east side, adjoining the pyramid, there was originally a temple, of which nothing now remains except the basalt pavement, over which one walks to reach the sphinx.

The pyramid of Chephren was originally 471 feet high. Part of the casing remains at the top. Inside there is one chamber containing an empty granite sarcophagus, the lid of which is broken. The entrance passage is lined with granite for part of the way. The remains of the temple still exist on the east side.

The third Giza pyramid, that of Mycerinus, is much smaller than the other two. The upper part of the casing was limestone and the lower part, much of which still remains, of red granite. The sarcophagus was lost at sea on its way to England. The remains of the temple are on the east side.

The sphinx is a colossal recumbent lion with the head of Chephren and is of the same age as the second pyramid.

The so-called Temple of the Sphinx was an elaborate entrance to the causeway leading up to the temple and pyramid of Chephren.

The modern village of Mitrahineh marks the site of one of the oldest, most famous and most populous towns of ancient Egypt, and one that was the capital of the country for many centuries, namely Memphis. It attained its greatest prosperity under the pharaohs of the Old Kingdom, but even under the Middle and New Kingdoms, when Thebes became the capital, and the Theban god Amun-Ra superseded Ptah, the great god of Memphis, the old capital still flourished. During the course of the contests for the possession of Egypt, Memphis was captured in 745 B.C. by the Sudanese king Piankhi, whose capital was Napata near the Fourth Nile Cataract, and later, in 661 B.C. by the Assyrians, and still later, in 525 B.C., by Cambyses the Persian conqueror of Egypt. About 460 B.C. Memphis was again besieged, this time by the Libyans, who revolted from the Persian domination, but was not captured. Even after the Roman occupation of Egypt, which began in 30 B.C., Memphis remained a large and populous city, though its palaces lay ruined and deserted, and a number of temples still existed, including that of Ptah. Now the ruins of this temple, the debris of a palace of Menephtah (1225-1215 B.C.), an alabaster sphinx (18th or 19th. Dynasty) and two colossal statues of Ramses II (1292-1225 B.C.) are all that remain. The pyramids and tombs of Sakkara are the cemetery of the ancient Memphis.

The step pyramid has already been mentioned. It is about 5,000 years old and is the oldest large stone monument in the world. It was the burial place of the pharaoh Zoser, who built it. A few years ago, in a gallery in this pyramid there were found some 30,000 beautiful stone vases, which have been estimated to weigh about ninety tons. Also, there was found the remains of a six-ply wood coffin, probably that of a daughter of Zoser. The different layers making the thickness of the coffin were pegged together with wooden pegs, the various layers of wood being arranged with the grain of the wood alternately in different directions, in order to prevent warping and to give strength, exactly as is done to-day. At the bottom corners of the coffin, the edges of the five outermost layers were bevelled at an angle of 45, that is to say, the joints were mitred, but the innermost layer had square, or butt, joints.

The most interesting tombs at Sakkara are of the Fifth Dynasty (2750-2625 B.C.) and of the Sixth Dynasty (2625-2475 B.C.), the finest work being in those of Ti and Ptahhotep, both Fifth Dynasty, but those of Mera and Kagemna of the Sixth Dynasty are equally interesting, though not of the same artistic merit.

The last monument of Sakkara to be mentioned, the Serapeum, or the tombs of the sacred bull Apis, belong to a period so much later than the step pyramid and the Old Kingdom tombs, a period of more than 2,000 years, that it is difficult to grasp the fact that the interval between the building of the step pyramid and that of the Serapeum is as long as that between the making of the Serapeum and the present day.

Although the Apis bulls had been buried in the Serapeum as early as the Eighteenth Dynasty (1580-1350 B.C.), it was not until the Twenty-sixth Dynasty (663-525 B.C.) that the huge stone sarcophagi were made, some of the stone having been brought from Aswan, about 500 miles away.

To the north-east of Cairo, near Matariya, are a few ruins and a standing obelisk, which are all that are left of the ancient city of Heliopolis, the famous «city of the sun» called On by the Egyptians. This was one of the most ancient Egyptian cities and for a time, long before Memphis was built, was the capital and it remained for centuries the religious and intellectual centre of the country. The Biblical Joseph married a daughter of Potiphera priest of On.

The obelisk, which is in its original position, dates from the reign of Sesostris I (1980-1935 B.C.), the top being originally covered with metal, possibly copper gilt. Two other obelisks from Heliopolis were removed to Alexandria and erected there by the Romans in 23 B.C. One of these, which was given to the British Government by the Khedive Mohammed Ali is, now on the Thames Embankment in London, and the other, given by the Khedive Ismail to New York, is now in the Central Park there.

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Club facilities — Reading and writing room, lounge, piano, books and other amenities — are also provided, and all members of the Forces, whether resident or not, are welcome to use them.

A special dragoman waits every day to conduct residents to places of interest in and about Cairo, at strictly inclusive and reasonable prices.

The hostel Chapel is available to all for personal devotion. Its use for more formal worship is open to any denomination by arrangement. Daily Prayers are held and Sunday Services conducted.

CHAPLAINS OR WARDENS-IN-CHARGE : Rev. Griffith J. Sparham, Rev. Walter Bone, ,

INDIAN SOLDIERS' CLUB — CAIRO

Open 12 noon—10 p.m. — Telephone 50871
6, Sharia Galal (Near Midan Tewfik).

This club is for the use and benefit of all ranks of the Indian Army. New premises have just been taken over and are situated at the crossing of Shariats Elfy Bey and Galal. A restaurant service is provided and supplies Indian food and cold drinks at basic prices. A large recreation room contains two wireless sets and indoor Games of Indian origin. Separate reading and writing rooms and two rooms for officers, Indian and British, are greatly appreciated. Tea is issued free. An Indian Staff looks after the club and is in constant attendance. The rooms are spacious and airy.

JEWISH WELFARE COMMITTEE FOR SAILORS, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN

Open 9 a.m.—11 p.m.

(Attached to Ismailia Synagogue, Sharia Adly Pasha
(Entrance Sikket El Maghrabi).

Refreshments are served in congenial surroundings and there are rooms for writing, reading and games.

The Committee conducts social programmes to which all are welcome.

There is another club for Jewish soldiers, at:

17, Sh. Abou Sebaa — Open 5 p.m.—11 p.m.

There are reading and writing room, a ping-pong table and a lecture room. Light meals are obtainable. There are literary meetings on Saturday evenings and a concert once a week. A dance is held every Monday and Thursday.

"MUSIC FOR ALL"

2, Sh. Maarouf, (off Sh. Soliman Pasha).

This club will open about the middle of November 1941 and will form a musical centre for good music for all ranks.

It is hoped that a Trio will play daily from 12 to 1 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and there will be a concert of good music every evening from 9 p.m. till 10.45 p.m.

In addition there will be lectures on general subjects, a Bridge Room and a first class restaurant run by Groppi.

A small entrance fee will be charged.

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NEW ZEALAND FORCES CLUB

33, Sharia Malika Farida — Telephone 48904

Open Friday, Saturday 7.30 a.m.—11 p.m.

Sunday, Thursday 7.30 a.m.—10 p.m.

The New Zealanders have their Club in the heart of Cairo on the corner of Sharia Malika Farida and Emad El Dine. Among the amenities provided by the Club are:

Dining rooms for officers, N.C.O.'s and men. Hostelries for officers and men (Charge P.T. 10 for bed, soap, towel and bath). Canteen with N.Z. specialities. Beer, bar. Reading, writing and games rooms. Officers' bar, Hot and cold showers. Padre in attendance (18.00 hrs.—20.00 hrs.). Nurses' quarters. Barber's shop.

Hostelry office open all night.

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OSBORNE HOUSE JUNIOR OFFICERS CLUB

Sharia Aboul Sebaa, Near the New Zealand Club,
Open day and night — Telephone 40390

This club provides accommodation for officers on leave up to 14 days. Prices of bed and breakfast and meals are low. Every effort is made to entertain the junior officer and to make him comfortable. Dances are held twice weekly and the bar is open daily during licence hours. The club is open only to officers and civilians accompanied by officers, including nurses, A.T.S. and M.T.C. Commissioned Officers.

RED SHIELD HOSTEL

SALVATION ARMY — OPEN DAY AND NIGHT

2, Sharia el Mahdi (opposite Shepheard's).

Red Shield Hostels are under the auspices of the Salvation Army.

It offers accommodation for 150 men providing bed early morning tea, breakfast, hot baths and showers at a low charge. Light refreshments can also be obtained during the day.

Reading, writing rooms, a lounge and recreation rooms are provided.

A quiet room for private devotions and religious services has been arranged.

Major F.G. Pearson and Captain W. Wilcox are in charge and have responsibilities for the development of similar institutions in the Near East.

SERVICES CLUB

Ezbekieh Gardens, Cairo

Entrance opposite Sednaoui's in Midan Khazindar

Founded 1883. — Telephone 52868

Open 9 a.m.—11 p.m.

(Thursday, Friday and Saturday 11.30 p.m.).

The club is situated in the midst of Ezbekieh Gardens, and consists of a Club House containing billiard room, Bar and Restaurant.

There is a spacious dance hall, where dances are held on Thursdays and Saturdays. Members of H.M. Forces are invited to bring their lady friends. Entrance fee : Gents P.T. 3 — Ladies free.

A Garden Kiosk run by Lady Voluntary Workers, where soft drinks, ice cream, cold lunches and sandwiches are sold at popular prices.

An open air swimming pool. Open each day from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Entrance fee P.T. 1 — Bathing trunks are provided

Tennis courts, the use of which is P.T. 6 per person per diem.

In addition to the above a Band Concert or other entertainment is held in the garden on Tuesdays, Fridays and sometimes on Sundays.

There is limited sleeping accommodation — eight beds — and the charge is P.T. 10 per bed and breakfast.



THE SERVICES LIBRARY AND VICTORY TEA ROOMS

7, Sharia Soliman Pasha — Telephone 54878

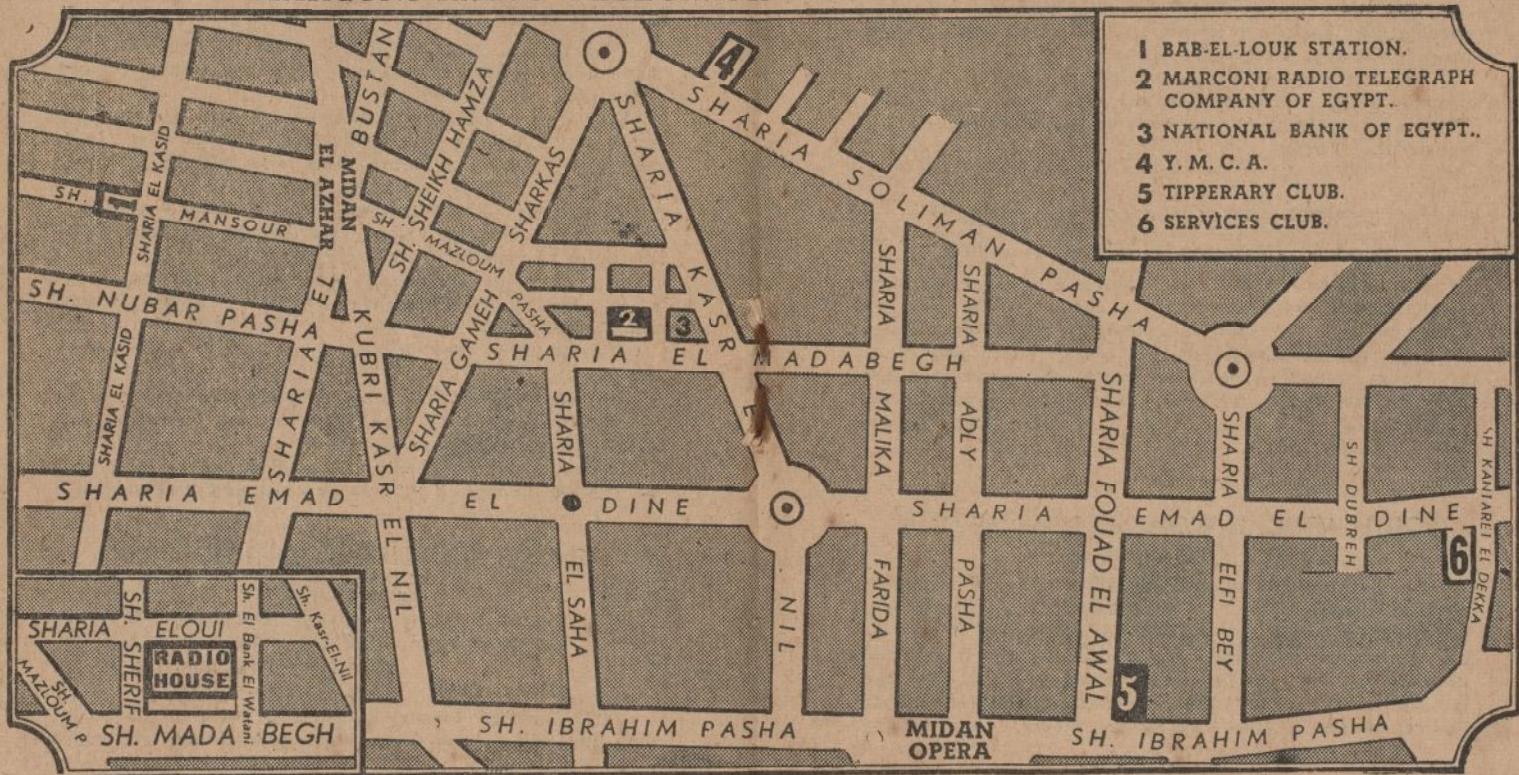
Tea Room Open 10.30 a.m.—1 p.m.

3.00 p.m.—10.30 p.m.

Library Open 10.30 a.m.—10.30 p.m.

The Services Library consists of over 4,000 books, both fiction and non-fiction. New publications are added

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to the library from time to time. There are comfortable reading rooms where men can read quietly and undisturbed. The Library is not open to officers. Information and advice can be obtained from the Librarians.

Other activities of the Library include talks, discussions and debates. There are photographic and play-reading sections and music, art, chess and modern language groups have been formed.

The Victory Tea Rooms occupy the ground floor and provide light refreshments in comfortable conditions. There is an attractive rest room in the basement as well as writing rooms.



SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICERS CLUB

34, Sharia Adly Pasha. — Telephone 56536

All officers of the Union Defence Force are members upon signing membership book (no entrance fee, no subscription). The club has accommodation for officers on leave, having comfortable bedrooms. The dining room, bar, lounges, billiard room, writing room, games etc., are open to all U.D.F. officers. The club is centrally situated, being next door to the Turf Club and opposite Metro Cinema corner.



SOUTH AFRICAN WOMEN'S SERVICES CLUB

5, Sharia Bustan

All South African uniformed women are members without entrance fee or subscription. The club is very comfortably furnished and includes a dining room for all meals and residential accommodation, which is available for any one period not exceeding 15 days. The club is open to all ranks. Sharia el Bustan, intersects Sharia Soliman Pasha at the Victory Tea Room.

THE SPRINGBOCK CLUB

(Metro Goldwyn Mayer Building)

This Club will be open early in November and is intended for South African other Ranks it will contain a South African Information Bureau and there will be attractive lunches writing and reading rooms, library.

Light Meals will be obtainable.

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SOLDIERS' AND AIRMEN'S HOME, HELWAN

This club provides facilities for recreation, which include writing, reading, games and rest-rooms. Refreshments are served in pleasant surroundings.

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TALBOT HOUSE — TOC H

27 Sharia Soliman Pasha

(Directly opposite National Hotel and "Bystander" Bar).

All-Services club and Hostel,

Telephone 46988

Talbot House seeks to provide an opportunity for a period of quiet home life for those who use its facilities.

Lounges, Reading and Writing rooms, Dining Hall, Chapel and a hostel of 65 beds are continuously open.

Toc H Meetings for members, their guests and friends are held every Tuesday evening at 8.30 p.m.

Tariff: Bed and Breakfast 15 piastres, Lunch and Dinner 10 piastres. Afternoon Tea 4 piastres.

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TIPPERARY TEA CLUB

1, Sharia Fouad el Awal — Telephone 53888
Open 8.30 a.m.—11 p.m.

The club is above Oreo's shop, at the corner of Sharia Ibrahim Pasha, opposite Ezbekieh Gardens entrance.

The amenities of the club include air-conditioned tea-rooms and balcony overlooking Ezbekieh Gardens, reading rooms with easy chairs, ping pong and darts, barber's shop and showers, and a Musky shop from which purchases may be despatched home. Films are developed and printed, watches repaired and there is a small lending library. There are facilities for telephoning.

The menu consists of tea, coffee, Horlicks, Ovaltine, hot and cold, milk shakes, ice cream sodas, ices, fruit salad, minerals, home-made lemonade, cold ham and tongue, sandwiches, salads, hot buttered toast, eggs; cakes etc.

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Y.M.C.A. GRESHAM COURT

22, Soliman Pasha — Telephone 46875
Open 8.30 a.m.—11 p.m.

SITUATION. — Gresham Court Y.M.C.A. is situated in an open Court and Garden near Soliman Midan. Centrally placed, this open-air setting, with its various facilities, is intended as a focal point, a Town Club, for all members of H.M. Forces.

FACILITIES. — THE RESTAURANT provides a menu of hot and cold dishes, with a Snack Bar and Soda Fountain for lighter refreshments.

THE READING, WRITING ROOM AND LOUNGE is undoubtedly one of the quietest little spots in Cairo,

SHOWERS, hot and cold are available at a charge of P.T. 2 including the use of soap and towel.

GAMES: Table tennis, Darts, Chess, Draughts etc.

TOURS AND GUIDE SERVICE is a feature of Gresham Court Y.M.C.A. Parties leave for places of interest every morning and afternoon, with a special trip up the Nile by steamer to the Delta Barrage every Saturday.

A BARBER'S SHOP, A CURIO SHOP and a shop for personal Requisites are on the premises.

INFORMATION BUREAU,

PROGRAMME :

DANCES are held every Tuesday and Friday commencing 8 p.m.

A RECORDED CONCERT of classical music on Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m.

TALENT COMPETITIONS an opportunity for men who can entertain in any way, are arranged periodically.

Concerts, Entertainment, lectures, etc., as and when available.

GRESHAM COURT, Y.M.C.A., is at all times at the service of the men in uniform stationed, or on leave, in Cairo.

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Y.W.C.A. SERVICES CLUB

4, Sharia Kasr-el-Nil

This club, provided by the generosity of the Maharajah of Dharbanga, is for the use of women of all ranks in the Services. The club house is a famous old villa and contains lounges, library, concert chamber, rest and changing rooms, tea rooms (indoors or on terrace or in the garden) and an information bureau. There

will be several emergency beds available, but the club is not considered a residential one. Good sleeping accommodation is provided on the Nile steamer «Lotus».

Men friends of women using the club may be invited to use the public rooms, and a special convenience is a men's lounge and waiting room.

There is no entrance fee. The recognised uniform of any unit in the Services will ensure a warm welcome to the Club.

The Hostess is Mrs. A. Taffs, late of Delhi and Simla.

The Club is also the Headquarters address of the British Y.W.C.A. War Services in the Middle East, Miss Jean Begg, Organiser.



BRITISH Y.W.C.A. WAR SERVICE

Y.W.C.A. Club, Nile Steamer «Lotus», Giza, Cairo.

Phone: 97029

Nile Steamer «Lotus» — a residential club for women of the Services providing 40 beds, ten single and fifteen double cabins, hot and cold water in each cabin. The «Lotus» is situated near No. 15 General Hospital Giza, and can be reached by 15 tramcar which goes to the Pyramids. A small boat when required takes guests across to the entrance of the Gezira Sporting Club. Hostess: Miss Iyah Perry.



Y.W.C.A:

183 Emad el Dine — Tel.54466

OPEN.— Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 5.00 p.m.
10.30 p.m. (Saturdays 11.30 p.m.)

The club is open to members of the Y.W.C.A. Men
members of H.M. Forces may use the club as guests on
payment of a fee of P.T. 10 for the duration of the war.

The club includes a dining room for light refresh-
ments, club room with two ping-pong tables and other
games, and a library.

On Saturdays there is a dance at 7.30 p.m. at a charge
of P.T. 3 1/2.

On Sundays there is a short religious service at 9
p.m. Men may have their mending done free of charge.

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SPORTS AND SPORTING CLUBS

FOREST HILLS TENNIS CLUB

For Sergeants on leave. Situated at the angle of Rue Walda Pasha and Rue Dar-El-Chifa, Garden City.

There are 3 Tennis Courts and 2 Ping-pong tables available from 10 a.m. till Noon EVERY day. Rackets and balls are obtainable (free) at the Club. The club's two professionals are at the disposal of the players. There is also shower-bath accommodation.

This generous offer is made by MISS ALICE WESTNER on behalf of the Committee.

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To All Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the British and Imperial Forces.

THE GEZIRA SPORTING CLUB

has set aside part of the Club ground, where you will find the green grass and shady trees a pleasant change, where you can watch regular Cricket matches, and take part yourself in

CRICKET PRACTICE IN THE NETS — CROQUET —
TENNIS — GOLF — SQUASH RACKETS — BADMINTON
— BOWLS — VOLLEY-BALL, etc., etc.

There is also a Dressing Room reserved for you with shower baths, where you will find Tennis rackets, shoes, etc. and full particulars about all the games.

A Buffet and Tea Garden is open from 10.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.

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HELIOPOLIS SPORTING CLUB

1. The General Committee of the Heliopolis Sporting Club has generously offered to open the club for the use of Military personnel every forenoon of the week up to 1 p.m., with the exception of Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and to provide facilities for the following:—

- (a) TENNIS. — 5 Courts, (Rackets and balls must be provided by the players. The club will provide ball boys for tennis free of charge).
- (b) SQUASH.
- (c) GOLF COURSE. — The club will endeavour to provide as many sets of clubs as possible. Caddies will be provided free of charge,
- (d) CRICKET FIELD.— This may be used two days each week during the period the club is open to military personnel. Applications for the allotment of the ground should be made to the Camp Commandant. The Club has also kindly promised to supply full playing kit for one team.
- (e) READING ROOM. — Papers and periodicals.
- (f) BAR, ETC. — Use of club buildings and Bar, All refreshments must be paid for.

2. Personnel taking advantage of this privilege must be in possession of a pass which, in the case of Abbassia personnel, will be drawn from the Office of the Garrison Adjutant, Abbassia, between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m., on the day which it is proposed to visit the club. In the case of Helmieh and Almaza, a block allotment of passes will be issued to the Garrison Adjutants of those stations, who will arrange to issue to personnel requiring them, maintaining a record of to whom each pass is issued.

MAADI SPORTING CLUB

The Committee allow Other Ranks the use of the Club's Tennis Court on any day during the week and this privilege is largely being used by the troops stationed around Maadi. The Golf Course is also open to other ranks with a handicap of 12 or under on payment of a small fee, and some members have kindly placed their sets of clubs at the disposal of players. On Wednesday afternoons the Bowling Green is allotted to players other than Officers, and the 3 Squash Courts may be used during the week at a nominal fee.

RACING

GEZIRA SPORTING Club holds a race meeting every Saturday during the season.

THE HELIOPOLIS SPORTING Club conducts meetings every Sunday during the season.

The racing season commences in November and closes in March.

YACHTING

The Cairo Yacht Club during the season conducts races for Other Ranks. It makes available a certain number of club boats and any yachtsman who is qualified can share in this activity.

A Committee consisting of representatives of the Services controls this sport and anybody interested should make contact with the Committee through Cairo Area.

Address:— Cairo Yacht Club, Sharia el Khazen, Giza, Telephone 96615

TOURS AND EXCURSIONS

TOURS ORGANISED BY THE EMPIRE AND EMPIRE SERVICES CLUB

TOUR No. 1.

(Half day).

- By Tram, Motor coach or Private Car.
- TO *Great Pyramids of Giza*:— The Temple of the Sphinx, the Sphinx and other sights, The Zoological Garden.
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| Tram | P.T. 8 per person (5 persons). |
| Coach | P.T. 12 per person (30 persons). |
| Private Car | P.T. 23 per person (4 persons). |

TOUR No. 2.

(Half day).

- By Tram, Motor coach or Private Car.
- TO *Citadel*:— Alabaster Mosque of Mohammed Ali el Kebir — Mosque Sultan Hussein — The tombs of the Mamelukes, The native Bazars of Al Mouski and Khan el Khalili and many other interesting historical sites.
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| Tram | P.T. 7 per person (5 persons). |
| Coach | P.T. 10 per person (30 persons). |
| Private Car | P.T. 23 per person (4 persons). |

TOUR No. 3.

(Half day).

- By Motor coach or Private Car.
- TO *Memphis and Sakkara*:— Memphis the Ancient Capital of the 1st Royal Family in the world dating back to the earliest dynasties of Royal Egypt, Statues of Ramses II, The Alabaster Sphinx etc., Sakkara on the edge of the desert where the Tomb of Ptah-Hotep, the Sarcophagi of the Sacred Bulls, the step-Pyramid are visited. The Serapeum or the Apis Tombs, the convent of St. Jeremieh and Mariettes House etc
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| Coach | P.T. 15 per person (30 persons). |
| Private Car | P.T. 28 per person (4 persons). |

TOUR No. 4.
(Half day)).

By coach or Private Car.

- TO *Delta Barrage*:— A huge structure built across the River Nile. A very little distance from the Delta Barrage is the Mohamed Ali Barrage which is the latest modern structure built for controlling the irrigation of lower Egypt, the beautiful gardens and the Model Museum which contains models of different dams, locks, Barrages and other water works.

Coach P.T. 15 per person (30 persons).
Private Car P.T. 23 per person (4 persons).

TOUR No. 5.
(Half day)).

By Motor boat or Nile Steamer.

- TO *Delta Barrage* (Tour No. 4.) Picnic luncheon at the Barrage. Lunch is supplied by the Club and is included in the price.

P.T. 35 per person (35 persons).

TOUR No. 6.
(Half day)).

By Tram, Coach, Private Car.

- TO *Old Cairo*:— The old Coptic Church, the Crypt of the Holy Family, Roda Island, Mosque of Amr, Nilometer, the Greek Church etc.

Tram P.T. 7 per person (5 persons).
Coach P.T. 10 per person (30 persons).
Private Car P.T. 23 per person (4 persons).

To join any of these tours hand in your name at the Empire Club, Ibrahim Pasha St. or at the Empire Services Club 189 Emad el Dine. The tours start from both these clubs.

The above fares include first class service and every party will be escorted by a reliable guide who is attached to these Clubs.

All fares and tips are included in the amounts shewn above.

The approximate number of persons required to form a party for each class of locomotion has been shewn in

brackets above, but it is left to the discretion of the guide whether he can take parties composed of fewer persons.

If any further information is required the Club guides will be glad to supply same.

If any difficulty is encountered or you have any complaints to make please communicate with the Manager of the Club.

TOURS ORGANISED BY Y.M.C.A.:

Excursions are led by guides of Y.M.C.A., and start from Y.M.C.A., 22 Soliman Pasha St. at 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. except where otherwise stated. Prices include admission fees, tips, transportation and guides services. To join any of these tours hand in your name to the Y.M.C.A. office, 22 Soliman Pasha St.

TOUR No. 1. — PYRAMIDS AND SPHINX

Half day excursion, visit to the Great Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx and the granite temple etc.

Fares:— By motor car 5 persons P.T. 20 each person.

TOUR No. 2. — CITADEL AND MOSQUES.

Half day excursion to the Citadel the Alabaster Mosque, Sultan Hassan Mosque, the Old Palace, the Mouski and Oriental Bazaars. The Museum of Hygiene can be visited.

Fares:— By motor car 5 persons, P.T. 20 each person.

TOUR No. 3 — MEMPHIS AND SAKKARA.

Half day excursion to Memphis the oldest Capital of Egypt, the Colossal Statues of Ramses II, the Alabaster Sphinx. Proceed to Sakkara for the Step Pyramid, the Mastaba Tomb of Ti, Tombs of the Sacred Bulls, Tomb of Ptah Hotep, etc.

Fares:— By motor car, 5 persons, P.T. 40 per person.

Sundays Only:— 30 P.T. each person, starting at 9.30 a.m.

TOUR No. 4.

Day excursion by Motor Launch to the Delta Barrages, Garden and Museum.

Every Tuesday and Saturday, Leave Y.M.C.A. 22 Soliman Pasha St. at 9.30 a.m.

Fare:— P.T. 35 each person, including lunch.

INDEPENDENT EXCURSIONS

It is possible to make the following visits independently. Prices given are approximate and are intended as a guide only. Car prices quoted are for cars in good condition and with properly qualified drivers.

1. By tram or private car to the Great Pyramids of Giza, The Sphinx, The Temple of the Sphinx etc., The Zoo is on the road to the Pyramids.

Tram No. 14 or 15 from Tipperary Club, Sharia Fouad el Awal.

Fare:— P.T. 3 return 1st. class.

Private Car:— P.T. 60 per car.

Guides can be obtained at the Pyramids. Fee P.T. 10.

Cost of hire of camel P.T. 10

Cost of hire of donkey P.T. 6

There is no entrance fee to the Pyramids.

2. By tram to the Citadel, the Alabaster Mosque, the Sultan Hussein Mosque, and the Blue Mosque.

Tram No. 13 or 23 from Midan Malika Farida.

Fare:— 6mm. each way 1st class.

A guide is advisable when visiting mosques, and P.T. 1 must be paid for the use of slippers.

MUSEUMS

RAILWAY MUSEUM, Cairo Central Station:— Daily except Monday. 9 a.m.—1 p.m. and 3 p.m.—6 p.m. Admission P.T. 2.

AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM, Dokki near Giza, Tram 15:— Daily from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission P.T. 1.

MUSEUM OF ETHNOGRAPHY, at the Royal Geographical Society, Tram 15, 30:— Daily, except Friday, 9 a.m.—1 p.m. Admission free.

ZOOLOGICAL MUSEUM, Zoological Garden, Giza, Tram 14, 15:— Daily 8 a.m. to sunset. Admission P.T. 1.

WAX MUSEUM. 40, Sh. Maglis el Nouah. Tram, 15. 30:— Daily 9 a.m.—1 p.m. and 3 p.m.—7 p.m. Admission P.T. 5.

KING FOUAD MUSEUM OF HYGIENE. Abdin Square:— Daily except Mondays and Tuesdays 3 p.m.—6 p.m. Admission P.T. 1.

CHURCHES CHURCH OF ENGLAND

ALL SAINTS CATHEDRAL.

Rue Maspero.

Sundays

<i>Holy Communion</i>	:	6.30 a.m.
		7.30 a.m.
		11.15 a.m.
<i>Morning prayer</i>	:	10.00 a.m.
<i>Evening prayer</i>	:	6.30 p.m.

The Clergy will be At Home to members of the congregation in the Cathedral Hall after the evening service.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH.

38, Sharia Fouad el Awal.

<i>Sunday Services</i>	:	10.00 a.m.
		7.00 p.m.

METHODIST CHURCH

SAINT JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH, CAIRO.

39, Sh. Fuad el Awal (near Abu-el-Ela Railway crossing).

<i>Sunday: Evening Service</i>	:	6.30 p.m.
<i>Holy Communion</i>	:	Second Sunday of the month.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH.

Sharia Emad el Dine.

Sunday Masses: 6.00 a.m.; 7.00 a.m.; 8.00 a.m.; 9.00 a.m.
10.00 a.m.; 11.00 a.m. 12.00 noon.

Daily Masses: 5.15 a.m.; 5.30 a.m.; 7.30 a.m.

English Sermon, Sunday: 11.00 a.m.

AMERICAN CHURCH

Ezbekieh.

Sunday: Evening Service : 6.00 p.m.

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

ST. CONSTANTIN CHURCH

Sharia Teraa el Boulakieh

Behind the Main Telephone Administration.

Sunday Mass : From 7.30 to 10.45 a.m.
Weekly Services : From 8.00 to 8.30 a.m.

JEWISH TEMPLE

SYNAGOGUE of Adly Pasha.

Service on Friday from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.
Service on Saturday from

ABBASSIA GARRISON — AMENITIES

(g) KING GEORGE SOLDIERS' HOME, Bullock Road.

(h) THE METHODIST CHURCH INSTITUTE.

Amenities for troops in Abbassia Garrison include the following :—

- (a) CHURCH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE CINEMA, Grenfell Road West.
- (b) CHURCH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE, Grenfell Road West.
- (c) SLADE CLUB, WOLSLEY ROAD, Whist drives and tombolas are frequently held, and there is a Dance for all ranks every Monday evening 8.30 p.m.—10 p.m. The Club includes a tea room.
- (d) THE FRIEND SWIMMING BATH (Sharia Adly). The bath is open daily 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4.15 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- (e) SWIMMING GALA, every Thursday.
- (f) CAIRO AREA MILITARY BAND CONCERT every Wednesday evening in the main Barracks Square.
Adult School, Wolsley Road.
- (g) THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND HUT junction of Kitchener and Dormer Roads.
- (j) THE HOBART ROLLER SKATING RINK, Kitchener Road.
- (k) THE HOBART PAVILION, Kitchener Road.
- (l) OFFICERS SWIMMING BATH, Abbas Hilmy.
- (m) There are a large number of football and cricket pitches available for use of personnel in the garrison. Application to be made to the Garrison Sergeant-Major. Ex. 46.

USEFUL ARABIC WORDS

Beer	Beera.
Book	Ketab.
Boots	Markoob or Gazma.
Boy	Walad.
Butter	Zebda.
Cab-Driver	Arbagui.
Cigarette	Cigara.
Coffee	Ahwa.
Dog	Kalb.
Donkey	Homar.
Eggs	Beid.
English	Inglizi.
Fork	Debban.
Flies	Shawka.
Garden	Guineina.
Girl	Bint.
Glass	Kubbaya.
Hat	Burneta.
Hold, Take	Emsek.
House	Beit.
Inside	Guwwa.
Jam	Merabba.
Light	Noor.
Listen	Ismaa.
Man	Raguel.
Matches	Kabreet.
Milk	Laban.
Moon	Amar.
No	La.
Outside	Barra.
Perhaps	Yemken.
Plate	Sahn.
Spoon	Ma'laka.
Street	Shari.
Sun	Shams.
Tip, Gratuity	Baksheesh.
Water	Mayya.
Wait	Estana.
When	Emta.
Why?	Leh.
Woman	Sitt.
Yes	Aiwa.

POSTAGE RATES — EGYPT

The most important rates of postage are shown below; further details of rates not included here, can be obtained at the Army Post Offices.

BOAT MAIL — TO U.K. AND BRITISH EMPIRE.

Letters:—

up to 2oz.	—	Free
up to 3oz.	—	3 1/2d.
each additional oz.	—	1d.

PRINTED PAPERS AND NEWSPAPERS:—

up to 2oz.	—	Free
2 — 4oz.	—	1d.
each additional 2oz.	—	1/2d.
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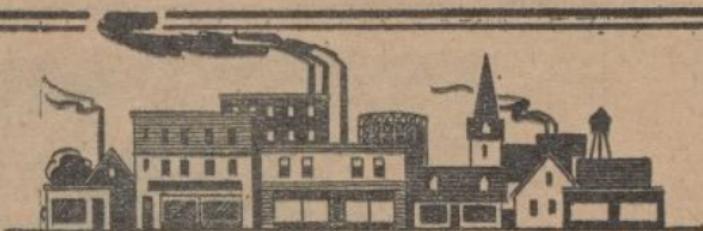
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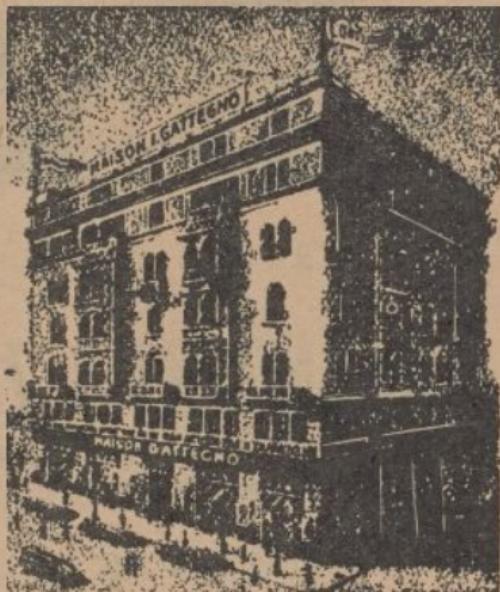
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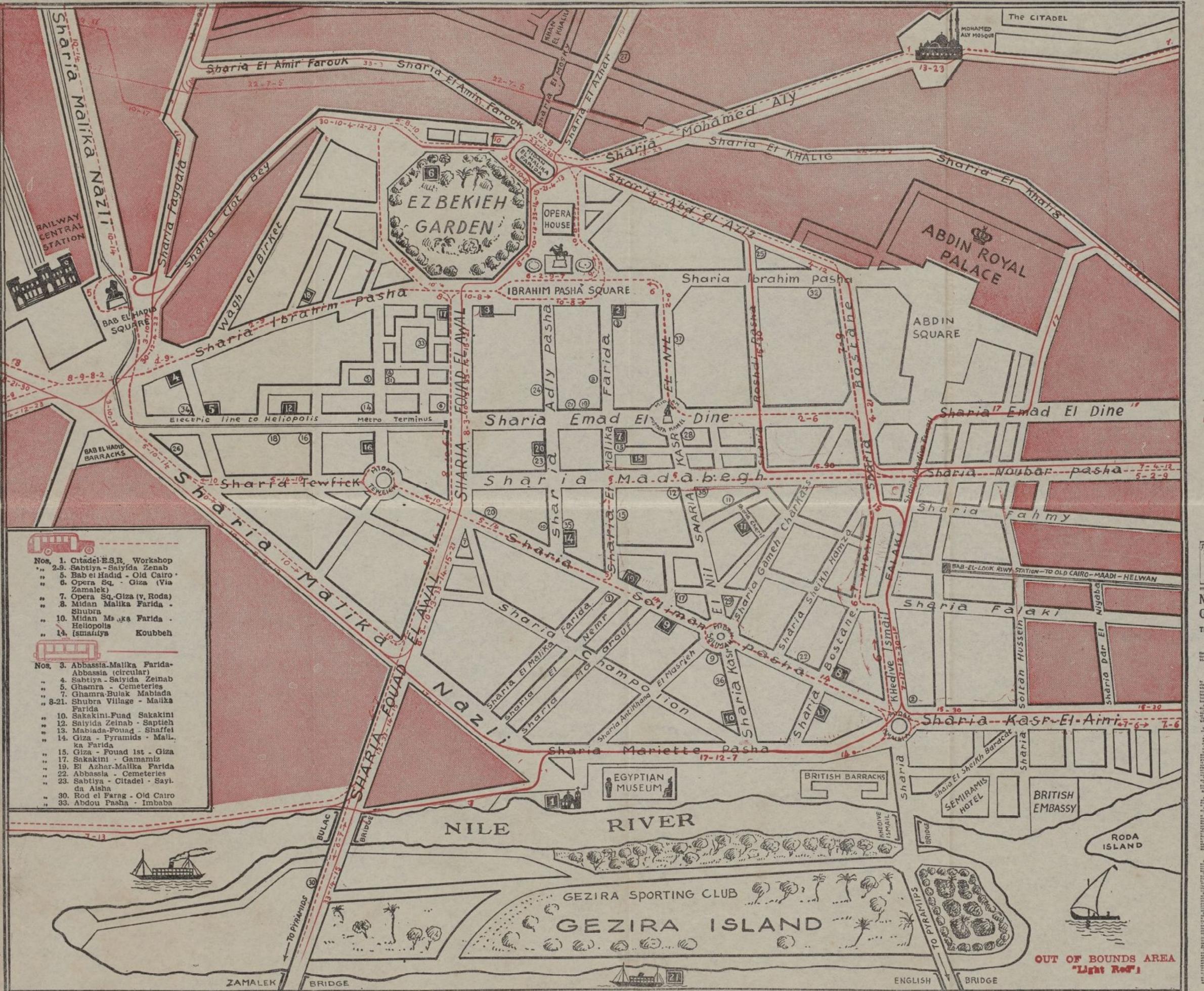
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